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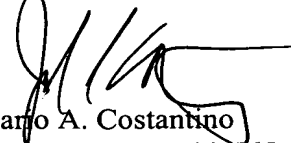
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.

- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

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